



Charles Lee Martin

December 15, 1948 - June 6, 2021

Charles Lee Martin, affectionately known as “Charlie Boy” was the oldest son born to parents, Mr. Simon Martin, Sr. and Mrs. Renell Martin in Kissimmee, Florida. A life long Kissimmee resident, Charlie Boy attended Kissimmee High School (1st through 11th Grades) where he was a member of the basketball team and served as head drummer for the Marching Mustang Band. At the onset of the 1965-1966 school year, Charlie was among the first African American students who voluntarily integrated Osceola Public Schools, being the only African American of his class. Charlie Boy was courageously the only African American student to become a member of the Osceola High School Class of

1966, played successfully on the football team and was subsequently the first and only African American to graduate from Osceola High School that school year. Charlie Boy served in the United States Army, with boots on the ground during the Vietnam War. This was a feat, which required an even greater level of fortitude and oftentimes presented painful reminders for its survivors.

Charlie was preceded in death by his Father, Simon Martin, Sr.; Mother, Renell Martin; Sons: Corey Anderson and Kenneth Martin; Brother, Simon Martin, Jr.; and Sister, Alma Murray. Left to cherish his memory are...Sons: Thabiti Martin of Orlando, Florida and Malcolm Coats of Kissimmee, Florida; Daughters: Constance Williams and Ashley Waits, both of Kissimmee, Florida; Sister, Sharon King of Kissimmee, Florida; Special Grandson, Jamal Jones; Grandsons: Richard Jones and Gregory Williams; Granddaughters: Ciara

Walters, Anissa Martin and Taitiana Goats,
all of Kissimmee, Florida; Special Cousins: Jacqueline Brinson and Sophronia
Brewton, both of Kissimmee, Florida; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins,
other loving relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

1615 Old Boggy Creek Road
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Lee Martin*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *He was a GREAT MAN!*



John Edwards! - July 04, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ *Sincere Condolences to the Family of Charles “Charlie Boy” Martin & Prayers for your Strength and Peace. With Much Gratitude for his Courageousness in voluntarily paving a way for those of us who came after him at OHS and for his time serving our country with boots on the ground during the Vietnam Conflict. May there be eternal blessings and peace upon Charlie Boy’s Soul.*

Juanita Lesesne

Juanita M. J. Lesesne - June 16, 2021 at 09:06 PM

MK

“ *Mother Sharon Gumbs and the Martin Family:
We wish you God's peace. Our hearts and
prayers are with you and family at this time.
Wishing you strength for today and hope for
tomorrow.*



*With Love and Heartfelt Sympathy
Pentecostal Overcoming Holiness Church
Kissimmee, Florida*

*Archie L. & Mamie L. Kelly
POHC Family*

MAMIE LONG KELLY - June 16, 2021 at 12:46 AM

SP

“ *Not sure if my memory was recorded. I was so glad to see Charlie
at our 50th reunion. I remember he was so proud of his Corvette.
He also remembered my father had an early corvette. So sorry to
hear of his death.*

Stephanie Pollom - June 15, 2021 at 11:21 PM

BP

“ Charles and I were members of Osceola High School Class of 1966 and played football together in the Fall of 1965. Like most classmates after high school our paths separated but may have crossed while in the army. Who knows?

It was my good fortune to spend time with Charles at our 50 year high school reunion in October, 2016. He was still the same soft spoken gentleman I remembered from many years ago. I know my life is richer for knowing Charles. I sincerely hope he considered me a friend. He definitely was mine.

*Bob Pollom
Boerne, TX*

Bob Pollom - June 15, 2021 at 05:29 PM

PP

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Charles Martin. Charles was my classmate and a graduate of the Osceola High School Class of 1966. We were all so happy to see him recently when he attended our 50th high school reunion.

*May he rest in peace!
Polly Thacker Prather*

Polly Prather - June 15, 2021 at 04:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Lee Martin.



June 15, 2021 at 11:32 AM



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June 15, 2021 at 11:07 AM